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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6514

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E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: CDES, NP (GROVE, THOMAS ARTHUR)

SUBJ: CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY: THOMAS ARTHUR GROVE

REF: (A) STATE 257815, (B) KATHMANDU 4359

1. REGRET MUST CONFIRM WITHOUT DOUBT IDENTITY OF REMAINS FOUND
IN NEPAL AS THOSE OF THOMAS ARTHUR GROVE. PLEASE
EXPRESS HEARTFELT SYMPATHY OF ENTIRE EMBASSY
STAFF TO REV. GROVE.

2. DR. C DUDLEY HENDERSON OF SHANTA BHAWAN HOSPITAL PERFORMED
COMPARISON OF DENTAL RECORDS WITH TEETH.
THOUGH SOME CHANGE HAD OCCURRED OVER TIME BETWEEN X-RAYS AND
DEATH, SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WAS NOTED. HENDERSON HAS EXECUTED
AFFIDAVIT STATING THAT THE COMPARISON IS POSITIVE.

3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORT REGARDING CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH,
WHICH WILL BE SENT AS SEPTEL. REFUND OF US \$104 EQUIVALENT IN
NEPALI RUPEES HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM GROVE'S KATHMANDU-BANGKOK
ROYAL NEPAL AIRLINES TICKET. WE ANTICIPATE THIS AMOUNT WILL COVER
MOST COSTS.

4. OPTIONS FOR REMAINS ARE AS FOLLOWS: (1) SHIPMENT OF SKELETAL
REMAINS TO U.S. AS THEY ARE,
(2) CREMATION AND LOCAL DISPOSITION OF ASHES, (3)
CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF ASHES TO NEXT OF KIN. THESE OPTIONS
ARE EQUALLY FEASIBLE, AND COST SHOULD NOT EXCEED AMOUNT ON
DEPOSIT FROM REFUND. PLEASE ADVISE REV. GROVE'S CHOICE,
AND CONSIGNEE IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED.

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WITH REFERENCE TO REV. GROVE'S CONVERSATION WITH FISCHER.

EMBASSY CONFIRMS THAT PROTESTANT SERVICE IS AVAILABLE IN CONNECTION
WITH CREMATION.

5. FS-192 WILL BE AMENDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. EMBASSY WILL OBTAIN ESTIMATE OF COST OF AIR SHIPMENT
OF EFFECTS IF REV. GROVE DESIRES, OR WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR
LOCAL DISPOSITION ACCORDING TO HIS WISHES.

7. ADVISE.
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